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For: INPUT BUFFER TYPE PACKET SWITCHING EQUIPMENT

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 9-321768, published December 12, 1999 was previously filed with an IDS on July 30, 2002.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-245610, published September 19, 1995.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-135971, published May 22, 1998.

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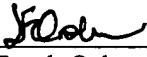
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated July 16, 2002 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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1. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-321768
2. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-245610
3. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-135971  
(Remarks)

The invention as per the present application differs from the invention described in aforementioned Cited Example 1 in the point that it transmits cells at specific transmission intervals matched to the speed rate of an output circuit; however, this point is well-known art, as described for instance in aforementioned Cited Example 2 and 3.

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